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TAGS: CASC: (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.)

SUBJECT: W/W - JOHN J. SULLIVAN

REF: SAN SALVADOR 4297

1. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL I HAD LOU GOELZ, MY DAS FOR OCS, TELEPHONE MRS. SULLIVAN PERSONALLY TO ADVISE HER THAT YOU HAD RAISED HER SON'S CASE WITH PRESIDENT DUARTE. DAS GOELZ ALSO ADVISED MRS. SULLIVAN THAT PRESIDENT DUARTE HAD WRITTEN TO CONGRESSWOMAN ROUKEMA, THAT THE ORIGINAL LETTER HAD NOT BEEN RECEIVED AS YET BY THE CONGRESSWOMAN, BUT THAT AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION PROVIDED US BY THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN HANDCARRIED TO THE CONGRESSWOMAN'S OFFICE (EXCERPTED FROM REFTEL). MR. GOELZ DID NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE TO MRS. SULLIVAN SPECIFICALLY THAT YOU AND PRESIDENT DUARTE BELIEVE JOHN SULLIVAN IS DEAD. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THE FAMILY IS COMING TO ACCEPT THIS RATIONAL CONCLUSION ON THEIR OWN, IN OUR OPINION A FLAT STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT NOW WILL SIMPLY RESULT IN CHARGES FROM THE FAMILY THAT THE USG HAS STOPPED TAKING ANY POSITIVE ACTION TO LOCATE JOHN BECAUSE WE BELIEVE HE IS DEAD.

2. I AGREE THAT CONTACTS WITH THE FAMILY SHOULD BE HANDLED BY US HERE IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. IT IS IMPERATIVE, HOWEVER, THAT WE BE ABLE TO REASSURE THE SULLIVAN FAMILY THAT YOU AND THE STAFF AT THE EMBASSY HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN JOHN'S CASE AND THAT YOU CONTINUE TO RAISE HIS DISAPPEARANCE AND PRESS FOR ACTION AT EVERY REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY ON YOUR DEALINGS WITH THE SALVADORAN GOVERNMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ON ANY STEPS OR EFFORTS YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO ASSIST YOU FROM THIS END. HAIG

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